

Who We Are, What We Do!

Department of Emergency Management

Mission — Our mission is to develop, prepare for and assist in the implementation of emergency management plans and programs to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the City during times of disaster or emergency.

Communications - Prepare and maintain City communications and warning systems to include the island-wide outdoor siren warning system. Coordinate emergency communications activities of amateur radio operators via the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services program.

Disaster Preparedness - Develop programs and plans to build disaster resilient communities. Ensure City departments and personnel are proficient in disaster preparedness and planning and coordinate City mitigation programs.

Emergency Public Information (EPI) - Coordinate EPI systems and programs to ensure that residents and visitors (including disabled and non-English speaking) have ready access to emergency information during a disaster via traditional media and social media means.

Federal Grants - Develop, implement, and maintain Federal Homeland Security grants and grant programs to support City emergency management operations. Coordinate the City's emergency management and homeland security strategy and goals.

Hazardous Materials - Develop and maintain programs for the mitigation of hazards with emphasis on hazardous materials. Coordinate City activities with other government agencies and commercial/private firms.

Training and Exercise - Plan, organize, and coordinate training and exercise programs for City response agencies, with special emphasis on Homeland Security training and exercise requirements.

Volunteer Programs - Develop volunteer training and recruiting programs. Coordinate activities of the departments Emergency Management Reserve Corps (EMRC) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer programs.



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Plan and Prepare Now for the Next Disaster

Learn – Educate yourself on disasters that can affect you and your Family.

Plan – Create and exercise a Family Disaster Plan. Locate a secondary meeting place and designate an off island contact.

Individual, Family and Business Disaster Planning – Disaster planning is everyone's business. Carefully review this information and take the time today to discuss preparedness planning with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Develop a 14-Day Disaster Supplies Kit

Your disaster supplies kit should contain enough of the following items to last for 14-days minimum:

- **Water** - One gallon of water per person per day for 14 days for drinking and sanitation
- **Food** - Non-perishable food that does not require cooking. Survival foods such as Peanut Butter, Protein Shakes, Dried Fruits, Nuts
- **Eating Utensils** – Plates, mess kits, forks and chop sticks. Don't forget a non-electric can opener for canned foods
- **Radio** - Battery-powered or hand crank radio with NOAA Weather alert
- **Light** - Flashlight and or a portable fluorescent light
- **Spare batteries** - Check annually
- **First Aid** – Get a good kit and consider enrolling in a certified first aid course
- **Whistle** – Important for signaling for help. A whistle carries much farther than the human voice and uses less energy than yelling
- **Dust Mask** – Helps to filter contaminated air
- **Sanitation** - Moist towelettes, heavy duty garbage bags, hand sanitizer gel, toilet paper, baking soda/kitty litter to absorb odors, gloves and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- **Tools** - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, duct tape
- **Maps** - Local area maps
- **Prescription** – Special medications, glasses and medical devices
- **Pets** - Pet food and extra water for your pet
- **Miscellaneous** - Infant Formula, diapers, incontinent supplies, feminine products

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